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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are currently pending. Claims 8-13 and 26-30 have been allowed. Claims 1-7 and 14-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b). Claims 20-25 are objected to.

In response to the above rejection, Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to specify that the platinum group metals are sequentially deposited, co-deposited using an electroplating step, or deposited using entrapment plating, or combinations thereof, as specified in allowable claims 20, 21, and 22. Support for this amendment is found in claims 20-22 and at paragraphs [0019] of the specification.

No new matter is introduced by the above amendment, and it is requested that it be entered.

Conclusion

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Examiner's rejections and places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-7, 14-19, and 20-25 are respectfully requested.

Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call should the Examiner have any questions or comments with respect to this response.

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